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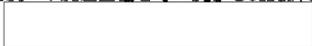
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SOVIET MILITARY OPERATIONS
PANJSER VALLEY, AFGHANISTAN



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1. (S/D) SIGNIFICANCE: A MAJOR SOVIET MILITARY SWEEP OPERATION CONTINUES IN THE PANJSER VALLEY.
2. (S/D) REMARKS: A LARGE COMBAT MANEUVER UNIT IS ADVANCING INTO THE VALLEY NORTH OF ASTANA GARRISON SITE () SOVIET AIRMOBILE ASSETS ARE CONDUCTING A PROBABLE INFANTRY INSERTION APPROXIMATELY 30.5 NM INTO THE VALLEY, AND SOVIET FORWARD ELEMENTS APPEAR TO BE ACTIVELY ENGAGED WITH REBEL FORCES. LOGISTICAL CONVOYS ARE OBSERVED IN THE AREAS OF GOLBAHAR AND QARY-I-SAST. MAJOR ELEMENTS OF A SOVIET MOTORIZED RIFLE REGIMENT (MRR), INCLUDING TWO MOTORIZED RIFLE BATTALIONS AND LOGISTICAL SUPPORT ELEMENTS, HAVE ADVANCED NORTH OF ASTANA IN THE VICINITY OF 35-22N 069-34E (GRAPHIC 2).

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(S/D) A PROBABLE SOVIET AIRMOBILE INFANTRY INSERTION IS UNDERWAY NORTH OF PESGHOR IN THE VICINITY OF 35-25N 069-42E, WHERE AT LEAST SIX HELICOPTERS (THREE ON GRAPHIC) ARE IN LOW LEVEL FLIGHT ALONG THE VALLEY FLOOR (GRAPHIC 3). THESE HELICOPTERS MAY BE PART OF A HELICOPTER ATTACK REGIMENT WHICH ARRIVED AT BAGRAM AIRFIELD  BETWEEN 

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 HELICOPTER ORDER-OF-BATTLE HAS DECREASED AT BAGRAM, BUT GROUND SUPPORT EQUIPMENT FOR THIS UNIT REMAINS AT THE AIRFIELD, SUGGESTING THE UNIT MAY BE CONDUCTING TEMPORARY OPERATIONS. A SIMILAR DEPLOYMENT OF A HELICOPTER ATTACK REGIMENT WAS AT BAGRAM FROM 

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(S/D) A PROBABLE AFGHANISTAN REBEL POSITION IS SUSTAINING PROBABLE ROCKET FIRE FROM AT LEAST TWO HELICOPTERS IN THE HILLS SOUTHEAST OF PESGHOR NEAR 35-23N 069-42E (GRAPHIC 4).

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(S/D) ELEMENTS OF AN ADDITIONAL MOTORIZED RIFLE BATTALION ARE IN CONVOY ON THE ROAD NORTH OF QARY-I-SAST ADVANCING TOWARDS TORKHA. A SMALL MOTORIZED RIFLE UNIT, COMPRISED OF APPROXIMATELY 28 VEHICLES/PIECES OF EQUIPMENT, REMAINS IN DEFENSIVE POSTURE AT TORKHA. IN ADDITION, A SMALL PROBABLE LOGISTICAL UNIT IS FORMING INTO CONVOY FORMATION IMMEDIATELY SOUTH OF GOLBAHAR AND MOVEMENT CONTROL CHECK-POINTS REMAIN IN POSITION AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT THE VALLEY.

3. BE N/A, COORDINATES N/A

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